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SUBJ: CHILE -UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WORKING GROUP

REF: USUN 2743 AND USUN 2708

1. IN JULY 5 CONVERSATION WITH MIGUEL SCHWEITZER, JR., (SON OF JUSTICE MIN) WHO ASSISTS SERGIO DIEZ IN ARGUING CHILE'S HUMAN RIGHTS CASES IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORUMS, AMBASSADOR REVIEWED PROSPECTIVE ACTIVITIES OF UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WORKING GROUP RE CHILE.

2. SCHWEITZER CONFIRMED THAT WORKING GROUP WAS PLANNING TO MEET IN NEW YORK LATE IN JULY. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT WORKING GROUP HAD TYPICALLY STACKED ITS ACTIVITIES IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MAKE GOC COOPERATION AS DIFFICULT AS POSSIBLE. IT HAD DONE THIS BY ANNOUNCING THAT IT WOULD FIRST MEET IN MEXICO -- PRINCIPAL CENTER OF CHILEAN EXILE ACTIVITIES -- BETWEEN JULY 12 AND JULY 22, AND THEN BY INFORMING GOC THAT, "IF IT WISHED", IT MIGHT MEET WITH WORKING GROUP ON JULY 25 AND 26. GOC REACTION HAD BEEN PREDICTABLY SOUR, BUT SCHWEITZER ASSUMES GOC REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE THERE.

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3. SCHWEITZER SAID HE PERSONALLY BELIEVES THAT, EVEN

AT SOME COST TO ITS PRIDE, GOC SHOULD PERMIT WORKING
GROUP TO VISIT CHILE. WORKING GROUP'S FINDINGS WOULD
BE PREDDUDICIAL, TO BE SURE, BUT AS SCHWEITZER SEES IT,
GOC WOULD THEN HAVE COMPLIED WITH REQUESTS OF UN AGENCIES
THAT GROUP BE ALLOWED TO ENTER CHILE, AND MATTER WOULD
BE DISPOSED OF ONCE AND FOR ALL. SCHWEITZER STRESSED THAT THIS
WAS HIS PERSONAL VIEW; THERE WAS NO SIGN SO FAR THAT
PINOCHET WAS ABOUT TO AGREE.
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